



# Ponteland Community Middle School

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## Newsletter 10 – April 2019

*'We take our vision from John 10:10 'that they have life and have it abundantly'*

Dear Parents

The Trust Board are looking for trustees with expertise in primary education, change management and finance. If any parent or member of the community is interested, please register your interest on the Academy Ambassador website [ [academyambassadors@newschoolsnetwork.org](mailto:academyambassadors@newschoolsnetwork.org) ] stating your expertise, interest in PCMS and upload your CV or LinkedIn page. We look forward to hearing from you.

We say a fond farewell to Ms Fairweather and Mr Cass this week as they move to Westfield and Walbottle respectively; and welcome Mr Davison and Miss Johnson who are delighted to be at PCMS for the Summer.

We are delighted with the energy, enthusiasm and excitement from the new Y4 children who have enjoyed induction activities over the last two weeks. We have more on the 29th and 30th April; and 1st May and look forward to working with our new children and parents in the coming months.

As part of new GDPR regulations we are no longer allowed to automatically send a list of pupils' names to a 3rd party. The end of year hoodies for Y6, Y7 and Y8 have the children's names from the whole year group printed on the back. Should you NOT wish to have your child's name on the back please email the school office before Friday April 26th. We will then remove the name of your child from the list. If school does not hear from you, we will assume you are happy to have your child's name printed on the back.

We are so sorry if we have caused any upset regarding the Year 6 hoodies especially. As you are aware this is a very unusual end of year for children, parents, staff and families and school wanted the opportunity to celebrate the Y6 and Y7 children's time with us whether they are staying or not. Year 8 have always had a leavers' hoody and staff thought it would be nice if other affected year groups could have a celebration hoody. We have changed the wording from a Leavers' hoody for Year 8 to a Year 6/ Year 7 hoody with no mention of Leavers on it. The company have reprinted it and removed the word 'leavers'. They were unfortunately unable to change the web link as this has already gone 'live' and has been used.

The whole Year 8 group photograph has been taken. Normal procedure is to put the names of the children along the bottom of the photograph. If you do NOT wish to have your child's name added to the bottom of the photograph, please email the school office before Friday 26th of April. We will then remove the name of your child from the list. If school does not hear from you we will assume you are happy to have your child's name on the photo.

Today we had a Hats on, non uniform, cake sale day raising money for Brain research supporting our 'Incredible' mums, children and staff. We raised £1145!! Congratulations to all the children, parents and staff who baked cakes. Rosie Bell and her team raised £170 for Heel and Toe Children's Charity; and Harry Applegarth and his team raised £45 for Diabetes UK.

With kind regards  
Caroline

Dr Caroline Pryer

Attendance percentages to date for each class– Target for school is 98%  
Percentages taken 29 April 2019

Total	5JH	5MG	5MB	5CW	6KS	6OT	6LC	6DB	6VR
	97.1	97.2	97.9	96.8	96.2	96.7	97.7	97.5	96.2
7MP	7TB	7MW	7EP	7BN	8BF	8DR	8NM	8PC	8CC
95.3	94.8	96.5	95.5	96.1	96.6	95.9	96.7	96.7	95.3

## Sports News

### Basketball

It has been a busy few weeks of competitive sport for the pupils. First of all, congratulations to the Y8 basketball, who continued their winning streak against NSB and Mowden Hall.

### Boys Rugby

Well done to the Y6 boys' rugby who came 3rd in the County sevens after winning their pool and then drawing with NSB and losing by an extra time try against Dame Allan 2-1.

### Y7 Football

Well done to the Year 7 football team with wins against Mowden and NSB and good luck for next week's fixture against Cramlington Learning Village.

### Y6,7,8 Hockey

Well done to Year 6, 7 and 8 Hockey teams who all won their respective tournaments against Ovingham and Richard Coates.

### Girls Rugby

Yr 7/8 Girls' rugby team have had a fantastic season winning all but two games, over two tournaments. The girls' rugby club has been supported by Larry Mew and John Chappell. They have given up their time to work with the girls and this should provide a solid foundation for the future of girls' rugby in Ponteland. Thank you.

### Futsal

The U13 Girls' Futsal team represented the North of England in a National Final on Wednesday against the top 2 teams from Midlands, South West, South East and London. The competition was split into 2 groups of 4 with the top 2 from each group playing a one off game at St George's Park in May. After a 4 hour journey down to Birmingham, the girls were slow to get going in their first match. Unfortunately, a slow start was compounded by a very tough opposition and they lost their first game. The second game started in the same way; however, the girls finally shook off their 'travel grogginess' and kicked into gear with a 5-0 win, showing the quality which got them to the finals. In the third and final game, they were once again too strong for the opposition, winning the game 5-1 with goals from Winter, Robson and Mayers.

The slow start cost us in the end and we didn't finish top of our group. The winner of the parallel group was the other Northern representative which we beat in the previous round. Therefore, technically, we are the second best Futsal team in the country - not bad for a small middle school competing against all the secondary schools in the Country! We've always got the World Cup in Barcelona to look forward to in October!



## Girls Cricket

The KS3 girls have been crowned County champions for Indoor Lady Taverners Competition. They will now travel to Bolton at the end of April to represent the North East Region.

## Castle Project



"Mr Bodley was very impressed with the effort by all the pupils across the year. There were a range of castle models ranging from cakes to lego, from computer designed models to ginger bread castles. It was a hard selection process with so many creative and detailed models. There were two winning castles from each form class with a top three overall in the Year."

- 1st- Rebecca Shaw
- 2nd - Joe Alderson
- 3rd - Charlie Thompson

## Native American project

Mr Bodley has been blown away with the creativity of the Year 8 pupils to demonstrate their knowledge of Native American life. Pupils were given the option of producing a written piece of work or use their creative side to show what they have been learning. The winners were:

- 1st - Henry Kay and Dan Burns for their amazing Native American head piece
- 2nd - Olivia Cairns and Amelia Riley for their clay model on Native American Life
- 3rd - Rebekah McNulty and Isla Cardno for their detailed factfile and model.

## Oasis Charity

After the assembly by Abbie Allison from Oasis Community housing, 8 Year 6 children decided to raise money for the charity by organising a cake sale. They raised an amazing £95.50 in ten minutes and sold out.

The children handed the money over to Abbie and were extremely pleased with the 'thank you' that they received from Abbie. Abbie gave the children personalised love heart sweets that had printed on them 'Thank you' and a card explaining that the £95.50 can provide a homeless person a week's stay in a hostel.

The children involved were Evie Reed, Jess Galbraith, Phoebe Haselhurst, Chloe Cater, Ava Dodds, Sarah Brown, Kate Jude, Charlotte McGreevy.

## Late Polo Shirt Orders

Only WHITE polo shirts only now available from our supplier.

£8.50 Ages 9/10, 11/12, 13

£9.50 Ages S M L adult

Please send in cheque payable to Friends of PCMS and note of the size required and child's name and class. Thank you.